

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT,  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): METHOD OF PRODUCING MEMBRANE-ELECTRODE STRUCTURE  
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- ☒ 48 pages of Specification/Claims 1-16/Abstract are attached.
- ☒ Formal drawings (Fig(s). 1(a)-1(f), 2-8, 9(a)-9(f) and 10-15; 10 sheet(s)) is/are attached.
- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Honda Motor Co., Ltd. is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and 1 reference(s).
- ☒ Priority of foreign application Nos. 2002-347580 filed November 29, 2002 in Japan; 2002-366037 filed December 18, 2002 in Japan; 2002-379820 filed December 27, 2002 in Japan; 2003-371048 filed October 30, 2003 in Japan; 2003-371836 filed October 31, 2003 in Japan and 2003-371049 filed October 30, 2003 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☒ Certified copies of foreign application Nos. 2002-347580 filed November 29, 2002 in Japan; 2002-366037 filed December 18, 2002 in Japan; 2002-379820 filed December 27, 2002 in Japan are attached.

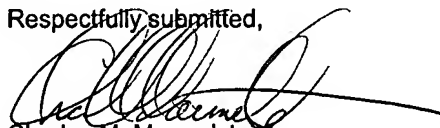
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